



**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED
EXAMINING GROUP 2881**

PATENT
Attorney Docket No. 371922004100
Finnegan Customer Number 22,852
Finnegan Docket No. 07303.0066

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
W. Thomas NOVAK et al.)
Application Serial No. 09/866,838) Group Art Unit: 2881
Filed: May 30, 2001) Examiner: Gurzo, Paul M.
For: POSITIONING STAGE WITH)
STATIONARY ACTUATORS)

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Sir:

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

This Amendment is being filed along with a Request for Continued Examination ("RCE") and fulfills the requirement for a submission under 37 C.F.R. 1.114. In reply to the final Office Action dated September 24, 2003, the period for response having been extended by three months with a Petition for Extension of Time filed herewith, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this Amendment.

Amendments to the Drawings are discussed on page 10 and further included in the attached drawing sheets.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this Amendment.

Attachments for this Amendment include five (5) sheets of formal drawings including
Figs. 1-9.